

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of May 25, 2004 has been reviewed and the comments therein were carefully considered. Claim 9 has been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced into the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

**Objection of the Title**

Examiner objected to the title of as not descriptive. Applicants amend the title as set forth above, and respectfully request the withdrawal of the objection.

**Rejections under 35 USC § 102**

Claims 1-6, 9, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated Parsons (U.S. Patent No. 3,995,644). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. A rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is not proper unless all limitations in the claim are found in a single prior art reference.

The present invention is an electrode connector for connecting a conventional tab electrode to a system for collecting physiological data from a patient. With regard to independent claim 1, Parsons fails to disclose, teach, or suggest a device for connecting a conventional tab electrode or sensor to a physiological system. Moreover, Parsons fails to disclose, teach, or suggest any device that has a lead connecting portion that is connected to a tab connection via an extension portion, or any device that has a tab connection portion configured to connect to a tab on a conventional tab electrode or sensor. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is not proper. Furthermore, because claims 2-6, 9, and 13 depend from claim 1, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-6, 9, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 for at least the same reasons as independent claim 1.

Claims 1, 2, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Archer (U.S. Patent No. 4,671,591). With regard to independent claim 1, similar to Parsons, Archer fails to disclose, teach, or suggest any device for connecting a conventional tab electrode or sensor to a physiological system for collecting physiological data from a patient. Indeed, Archer fails to disclose, teach, or suggest any device that has a lead connecting portion that is connected to a tab connection via an extension portion, or any device that has a tab connection portion configured to connect to a tab on a conventional tab electrode or sensor. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is not proper. Furthermore, because claims 2 and 7 depend from claim 1, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 for at least the same reasons as independent claim 1.

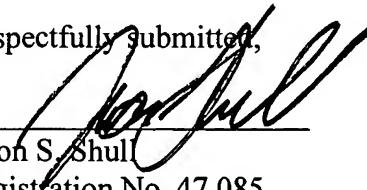
#### **Rejections under 35 USC § 103**

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Archer (U.S. Patent No. 4,671,591). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. As discussed above, Archer fails to disclose, teach, or suggest any device for connecting a conventional tab electrode or sensor to a physiological system for collecting physiological data from a patient. Applicants respectfully submit that it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the connector disclosed in Archer to include a lead connecting portion that is connected to a tab connection via an extension portion, wherein the tab connection portion is configured to connect to a tab on a conventional tab electrode or sensor. As a result, as discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance. In addition, because claim 8 depends from independent claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 8 is in condition for allowance for the same reasons.

Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parsons (U.S. Patent No. 3,995,644). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. As discussed above, Parsons fails to disclose, teach, or suggest any device for connecting a conventional tab electrode or sensor to a physiological system for collecting physiological data from a patient. Applicants respectfully submit that it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the connector disclosed in Parsons to include a lead connecting portion that is connected to a tab connection via an extension portion, wherein the tab connection portion is configured to connect to a tab on a conventional tab electrode or sensor. As a result, as discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance. In addition, because claims 10-12 depend from independent claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 10-12 are in condition for allowance for the same reasons.

The Applicants respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a conversation with Applicants' representative would be useful in the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to call Applicants' representative.

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